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CHEROKEE

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ALLEGING SECRET U.S. COMMITMENT TO
ISRAEL

FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. UPI STORY DATED TEL AVIV NOVEMBER 24 ATTRIBUTES
TO HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT SOURCES IN ISRAEL A REPORT THAT
THE U.S. HAS SECRETELY PLEDGED NOT TO PRESSURE ISRAEL
FOR MORE THAN "COSMETIC" CONCESSIONS IN POSSIBLE TALKS WITH
SYRIA ON ANY NEW GOLAN AGREEMENT. SAME REPORT SAYS THAT
THIS ALLEGED COMMITMENT WAS REACHED DURING SINAI II
NEGOTIATIONS AND ALSO INCLUDES U.S. UNDERTAKING NOT
REPEAT NOT TO DELAY ARMS DELIVERIES TO ISRAEL SHOULD TALKS
BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIA ON A NEW GOLAN ACCORD BECOME DEAD-
LOCKED.

2. WE ASSUME FOREGOING REPORT WILL COME TO SYRIAN ATTEN-
TION IF IT HAS NOT ALREADY DONE SO. YOU SHOULD TELL
PRESIDENT ASAD THAT THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF PSYCHOLOGICAL
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WARFARE ISRAELIS ARE CONDUCTING AGAINST US. YOU SHOULD

TELL HIM FROM ME THAT WHATEVER ISRAELIS MAY SAY, WE WILL
STAND BY WHAT WE TELL HIM. INGERSOLL

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